Brief minutes of the M.T.A.L.L. Committee held at Siriguppa, Bellary District at 10 a.m., on 4-8-1957

All members except Mr. Huchamasty Gowda were present.

Sri Nittur Sanna Gowda : There is no consistency in tenancy law. Hence no tenancy law is necessary but there should be ceiling. According to the present law there is share for each member in the joint family. This is unfair. Landlords stay in villages and the Act should not apply to those holding 50 acres (standard acres) or less. Standard acre is that which yields 6 pallas of ground nut. Even the Planning Commission has suggested a minimum income of Rs. 3000 per annum. The present ruppe has no purchasing power. Even big landlords are not sound economically. Excess land should be given to landless and not to the tenants who already have some lands. We should see how the land is going to sahukars. This is due is due to heavy heavy expenditure in times of marriage by villagers. This should be stopped. Land once given should not be permitted to be alienated. One person should be allowed to follow only one profession. I am not a landlord. I own 300 acres of dry land. Cotton is grown here. 150 acres can be personally cultivated with the aid of 6 bullocks.

For each sharer of the joint family the ceiling should be 200 acres of dry land. Rent should be 50% and to be paid in kind. Tenant bears all expenses on cultivation, but the assessment is paid by the landlord. But the landlord should share the expenses on manure and seeds. Receipts should be given for delivering rents. Cost of cultivation comes to 30-40% of the gross produce. Average yield is 3 bags of jowar, 4-5mds of cotton. The price of one md of cotton is Rs. 10. The yield per acre will be Rs. 15 plus 4 bags of tur. 20 bags of jowar would be required for my family.

Sri Doddanna Gowda (on behalf of tenants) : There should be ceiling but it should not be below 200 acres per sharer in the joint family. Rent should be 50%. I own 36 acres of wet land. 5-6 bags is the average yield per acre. Minimum period of lease should be 3-4 years. The cost of cultivation per acre is Rs. 10-15.

In this taluk there are only 4-5 pepple cultivating 300-400 acres of dry land.

BRIEF PROCEEDINGS OF THE MEETING OF THE MYSORE TENANCY AGRICULTURAL LAND LAWS COMMITTEE HELD AT BELLARY ON 4-8-1957.

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All members except Shri Hutchmasthy Gowda and Sri M. Ramappa were present.

At the outset the Chairman explained the procedure to be followed.

Shri N. Maribasangouda : Read the memorandum submitted to the Committee.

The necessity of Tenancy law is never felt here as long as the relations between the tenant and the landlord are cordial. So far as our district is concerned everyone is happy. If you act according to slogans we are helpless. There are lakhs of acres of waste land on the Tunghabadra river and it is being wasted.

I own 1500 acres of land. 3/4th is leased. I cultivate 200 acres personally. This is dry land I have 10 pairs of bullocks. I have also got 15-20 servants. I grow cotton, groundnut, pulse etc. I pay weekly wages, i.e. As.12/- per day. I get 10-12 thousand rupees gross income. Expenditure is 7 to 8 thousand rupees. I have leased on 'Koru' system. 200 to 300 acres has been left for pasture land. No receipts are passed nor lease deeds are given. I give loans to my tenants.

Chairman : What have you got to say about absentee landlordism?

Reply : No concession should be given to a landlord who does not stay on the spot.

Shri Linga Reddy, Pleader, Chairman, Sugarcane Factory : read his replies furnished in the questionnaire. I have lands both in Andhra Pradesh and Mysore State. Mysore Tenancy Act has had no effect. Recently census of land has been taken and it is reported that 3 to 4 lakhs of acres is lying fallow. Persons who are cultivating for more than 10 years should not be evicted. Ceiling is not necessary at this juncture.

Shri D. Gundurao : President, Bar Association : He read his replies furnished in the questionnaire.

Absentee landlordism should go. Sales subsequent to 1.1.49 should be scrutinised. Ceiling should be applied in all cases; and it should be three times the family holding.

Shri Satyavantarao : Pleader : Read his replies furnished in the questionnaire. Promised to send a pamphlet written by him.

Shri Muniswamy : District Agricultural Association : Read his memorandum submitted to the Committee.

Ceiling may be fixed at 4 times of the family holding. Definition if 'personal cultivation' should be ~~thus~~ he being personally cultivated or cultivated under supervision of one of his family members. To increase food production there should be mechanisation.